Creation of additional capacity for sugar production

576. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA :

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to create additional capacity for sugar production during Eighth Five Year Plan period to meet the internal demands;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether it is a fact that Bihar has large potential for establishment of sugar mills ;

(d) whether the Bihar State Government has urged the Central Government to clear four new sugar projects in the State ; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and what action Government propose to take thereon?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA) : (a) and (b) Based on the present guidelines for licensing during the 7th Five Year Plan, additional capacity of 61.44 lakh tonnes has already been licensed in terms of annual sugar production capacity making a total licensed capacity of 148.91 lakh tonnes as on 28-2-90, which is expected to be installed during the 8th Five Year Plan.

(c) to (e) The State Governments are required to assess the potentiality of sugar cane cultivation while recommending applications to the Central Government for establishment of new sugar factories. After the announce ment of guidelines for licensing additional capacity in the sugar industry the Central Government (Department of Food) have so far received four applications for setting up of new sugar factories in Bihar at the following locations:—

Sl. No.	Location
1.	Dhanaha, Distt. West Champaran (2500 TCD)
2.	Pirpaiti, Tal. Pirpaiti Distt. Bhagalpur (1750 TCD)
3.	Jamui, Tal. Jamui, Distt. Monghyr (1750 TCD)
4.	Dhanaha, Distt. West Champaran, (5000 TCD)

The application at Sl. No. 1 was considered by the Government and rejected since it did not fulfil the distance criteria of the licensing guidelines. The remaining three applications have been received recently and would be considered as per existing guidelines.

Constitution of special courts by State Governments under the provisions of SC/ST Act 1989

577. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA :
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA :

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that many of the State Governments have not constituted the Special Courts under the provisions of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of atrocities) Act, 1989; and

(b) if so, the concerned States and Government's reaction thereon?